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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

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John R. Baza, Director STATE OF UTAH Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Baza:

I wanted to write you a short note to tell you I have appreciated many of your staff members on several different projects. Most recently, the Wellington Prep Plant had a Midterm Review conducted by the Division. Initially, I was shocked by the number of issues (deficiencies) that came out of the process and the short time allowed for us to respond to them. After taking a deep breath, I called Daron Haddock who calmed me down and gave us more time to submit our responses. During the process April Abate was very helpful with the hydrologic issues as well as other deficiencies. Finally, James Owen was more than generous with his time on the reclamation bond. He made himself available for meetings at the Division as well as onsite at the Wellington Prep Plant. His review of the bond and subsequent suggestions were invaluable.

Too often we write or call to complain, then fail to express our appreciation when a good job is done. Please inform your staff that their good work does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Collins, Ph.D.

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cc: Daron Haddock 🗸